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UNSUB; CONGRESSMAN DELBERT LATTI - VICTIM; FIFTH OHIO DISTRICT  
CONGRESSIONAL ASSASSINATION STATUTE, OO: CLEVELAND.

RE TOLEDO RESIDENT AGENCY TELEPHONE CALL TO SA [REDACTED]  
FBIHQ, ON JULY 25, 1981 AND TOLEDO RESIDENT AGENCY TELEPHONE  
CALL TO [REDACTED] SPECIAL AGENT, FBIHQ, SAME DATE.

ON JULY 24, 1981, AT APPROXIMATELY 10:52 P.M., A DEATH  
THREAT WAS RECEIVED AT THE WOOD COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING, BOWLING  
GREEN, OHIO, TELEPHONE 419/243-3441, BY [REDACTED]  
DISPATCHER, WOOD COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS. THE TEXT OF THE  
MESSAGE WAS FOLLOWS: "DEL LATTI IS GOING TO DIE. HE IS GOING  
TO DIE REAL SOON."

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SUBSEQUENT INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] REVEALED THAT THE  
CALLER WAS VERY CALM AND COLLECTED AND SOUNDED AS IF HE WAS  
A CAUCASIAN IN HIS MIDDLE FORTIES AND IN HER OPINION, IN NO WAY

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CALLER:

By AS Time 2:10

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INFLUENCED BY ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUGS.

SUBSEQUENT INTERVIEWS WITH CONGRESSMAN LATTA, INSTANT DATE, REVEALED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED WITHIN THE LAST TEN DAYS, A DEATH THREAT LETTER AT HIS WASHINGTON OFFICE. LATTA ADVISED THE DEATH THREATS TO HIM ARE UNCOMMON AND HE WAS QUITE CONCERNED FOR HIS SAFETY AND HIS FAMILY'S SAFETY AND THAT HE HAD NOW RECEIVED TWO THREATS WITHIN THE LAST TEN TO FIFTEEN DAYS. LATTA WAS RELOCATED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE EVENING AT THE FALCON MOTEL IN BOWLING GREEN, OHIO WITH HIS FAMILY FOR SAFETY'S SAKE.

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE AGENT [REDACTED] TOLEDO, OHIO, WAS PROMPTLY NOTIFIED BY TELEPHONE OF THE DEATH THREAT AS WELL AS [REDACTED] BOWLING GREEN POLICE DEPARTMENT, BOWLING GREEN, OHIO AND ASAC [REDACTED] OF THE CLEVELAND DIVISION OF THE FBI.

A TELEPHONE TRAP WAS PLACED ON CONGRESSMAN LATTA'S HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER PLUS HIS CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE IN BOWLING GREEN, OHIO IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BOWLING GREEN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ALSO THE WOOD COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY WAS NOTIFIED TO RECORD ANY AND ALL CALLS THAT THEY RECEIVE FROM THAT DATE FORWARD CONCERNING CONGRESSMAN LATTA. WITH APPROVED CONSENT OF

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CONGRESSMAN LATTI, A RECORDING DEVICE WAS PLACED AT HIS HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER AND OFFICE IN BOWLING GREEN.

CLOSE CONTACT WAS MAINTAINED WITH CONGRESSMAN LATTI AND BOWLING GREEN POLICE DEPARTMENT BY TOLEDO AGENTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE WEEKEND WITH NO ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY TAKING PLACE. FBIHQ WAS NOTIFIED AS PER REFERENCE BY THE TOLEDO RESIDENT AGENCY CONCERNING THE ABOVE CAPTIONED CASE AND RESULTS TO DATE. THE SAC, CLEVELAND DIVISION HAS BEEN APPRISED ON A DAILY BASIS OF THE PROGRESS TO DATE OF THIS INVESTIGATION.

CONGRESSMAN LATTI LEFT BOWLING GREEN, OHIO EARLY A.M. ON JULY 27, 1981 AND IS CURRENTLY AT HIS OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

LEADS. WASHINGTON AT WFO: CONTACT CONGRESSMAN LATTI AT HIS OFFICE AND INTERVIEW RE LETTER RECEIVED BY HIM IN EARLY JULY, 1981 CONTAINING DEATH THREATS. ADVISE CAPITOL POLICE OF DEATH THREAT TO CONGRESSMAN LATTI FOR APPROPRIATE ACTIONS.

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## INFORMATIVE NOTE


Date 7/27/81


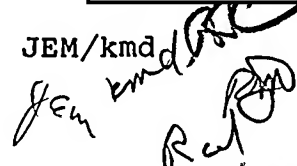


Re: UNSUB; CONGRESSMAN DELBERT LATTA -  
VICTIM; FIFTH OHIO DISTRICT  
CONGRESSIONAL ASSASSINATION STATUTE  
OO: Cleveland

Attached Cleveland teletype advises of a telephonic death threat against U. S. Congressman Delbert Latta, Ohio, received on 7/27/81 at Bowling Green, Ohio.

Congressman Latta was interviewed by our Cleveland Office and was unable to provide any suspects; however, he advised that ten to fifteen days ago he received a letter at his Washington, D. C., office which conveyed a threat against his life. U. S. Secret Service and local authorities in Ohio have been advised of instant threats. Telephone traps and recording devices have been placed on his office and residence telephones in Ohio.

On 7/27/81, Congressman Latta returned to his office in Washington, D. C. Washington Field will interview him in detail regarding the above extortion letter, submit same to FBIHQ for examination, and advise the U. S. Capitol Police. FBIHQ will advise U. S. Secret Service Headquarters, Washington, D. C.

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## TRANSMIT VIA:

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## PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate  
☐ Priority  
☐ Routine

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☐ TOP SECRET  
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☐ CONFIDENTIAL  
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Date 7/31/81

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 ATTENTION:   PERSONAL CRIMES UNIT,  
 ROOM 5096, FBIHQ - IDENT. DIVISION

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FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (89A-159) (TRA) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB;  
CONGRESSMAN DELBERT LATTA - VICTIM  
FIFTH OHIO DISTRICT  
CONGRESSIONAL ASSASSINATION STATUTE

OO: CLEVELAND

Re WFO teletype to Bureau and Cleveland, 7/28/81.

On 7/27/81, Congressman Delbert Latta's    
  U.S. Federal Building, Bowling Green, Ohio,  
 was interviewed extensively by Toledo Resident Agents con-  
 cerning possible death threats to the Congressman's life.

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Interviews with   revealed that she had some  
 problems recently with an   by the name of    
  She advised   came to the Congressman's  
 office in Bowling Green and he was verbally belligerent and  
 upset with the current Republican administration.

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Record checks and interviews at the Wood County  
 Welfare Agency, Bowling Green, Ohio, revealed that    
  arrived in the Bowling Green, Ohio area in 1980 and  
 filed for welfare benefits with the Wood County Welfare  
 Department agency on 5/1/80. He has since left the Bowling  
 Green, Ohio area and the last contact with the Wood County  
 Welfare agency concerning   was a request from the  
 Welfare Department, Big Horn County, Hardin, Montana, re-  
 questing background information on   and his wife,  
 

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 Latent Fingerprint Section)

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 2 - Cleveland

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 "COPY AND SPECIAL AGENTS RETAINED IN LAB"

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[redacted] is described as an [redacted]  
[redacted] date of birth [redacted] place of birth [redacted]  
[redacted] 5'5", 130 pounds, SSAN [redacted]  
[redacted] and wears glasses. Records further reveal that  
[redacted]

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Toledo Resident Agency does not feel that [redacted] is a strong suspect in the above captioned case; however, does feel that information is such that would warrant a comparison of [redacted] fingerprints taken from [redacted] records with the unsigned threat letter received by Congressman Latta in his Washington office and now in the possession of Identification Division.

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Interviews with [redacted] Wood County Welfare Department Agency, revealed that [redacted] file reflects that he has a strong temper. [redacted] driver's license record check revealed that [redacted] has [redacted] driver's license number [redacted] and [redacted] tag on a 1972 Volkswagen is [redacted] criminal history check negative on [redacted]

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#### REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

1. Latent Fingerprint Section - Identification Division. Compare any latent prints found on threat letter to Congressman Delbert Latta submitted by WFO with those of [redacted] born [redacted] place of birth [redacted] SSAN [redacted] 5'5", 130 pounds, wears glasses, [redacted]  
[redacted]

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2. Lead to interview [redacted] currently residing in [redacted] left up to the discretion of WFO.

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#### LEADS

##### CLEVELAND:

##### AT TOLEDO, OHIO.

Investigation continuing.

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FM FBI WASHINGTON FIELD (9B-4649) (P)

TO DIRECTOR FBI IMMEDIATE

ATTENTION: SA [REDACTED] PERSONAL CRIMES UNIT, ROOM 5096,

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT; CONGRESSMAN DELBERT LATTA - VICTIM; FIFTH  
OHIO DISTRICT; CONGRESSIONAL ASSASSINATION STATUTE; OO:CLEVELAND.

RE WASHINGTON FIELD TELEPHONE CALL TO SA [REDACTED] TOLEDO  
RESIDENT AGENCY, JULY 27, 1981; IMMEDIATE TELETYPE FROM DCI  
CLEVELAND TO DIRECTOR, DATED JULY 27, 1981; AND WASHINGTON  
FIELD AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR, DATED JULY 28, 1981.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT CAPTIONED CASE IS BEING CARRIED  
BY WASHINGTON FIELD AS AN EXTORTION INVESTIGATION AS INFORMATION  
RECEIVED TO DATE DOES NOT FIT CRITERIA OUTLINED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL  
ASSASSINATION STATUTE.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF BUREAU AND CLEVELAND, THE ANONYMOUS  
THREATENING LETTER RECEIVED BY CONGRESSMAN LATTA WAS PICKED UP

RECEIVED  
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FEDERAL BUREAU  
OF INVESTIGATION  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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FROM THE CONGRESSMAN'S OFFICE BY UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE ON JULY 14, 1981, THE DAY THAT WASHINGTON FIELD WAS MADE AWARE THAT THE CONGRESSMAN HAD RECEIVED THE LETTER. THE LETTER WAS SIGNED "POOR PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY", AND APPEARED TO BE WRITTEN BY SOMEONE WHO WAS UPSET WITH LEGISLATION THAT LATTI WAS SUPPORTING. THE LETTER WAS POSTMARKED MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI), WASHINGTON FIELD, RETRIEVED THE ABOVE LETTER FROM UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE ON JULY 15, 1981, WHICH IS BEING FORWARDED TO BUREAU AND MINNEAPOLIS BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE JULY 24, 1981, TELEPHONIC THREAT DIRECTED AGAINST CONGRESSMAN LATTI AND RECEIVED BY THE WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, A CONSENSUAL MONITORING DEVICE WAS ATTACHED ON JULY 27, 1981, TO REPRESENTATIVE LATTI'S RECEPTIONIST TELEPHONE IN HIS OFFICE LOCATED IN ROOM 2309 OF THE RAYBURN BUILDING, CAPITOL HILL, WASHINGTON, D. C

IT IS NOTED THAT THE LETTER THREAT MAILED TO THE CONGRESSMAN AT HIS WASHINGTON, D. C. OFFICE WAS ANONYMOUS AND THAT THE TELEPHONIC THREAT DIRECTED AGAINST THE CONGRESSMAN WAS RECEIVED

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BY A LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENT. TO DATE, NO FURTHER LETTER THREATS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE CONGRESSMAN AT HIS HOME OR OFFICE, AND NO TELEPHONIC THREATS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AT ANY LOCATION. IT IS FELT THAT THE ACTION TAKEN TO DATE IS CONSISTENT WITH THE TYPE OF THREATS RECEIVED. WASHINGTON FIELD WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN CLOSE LIAISON WITH THE CONGRESSMAN AND HIS STAFF.

CAPITOL HILL POLICE AND UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE HAVE BEEN ADVISED PREVIOUSLY OF THE LETTER AND THE THREATENING TELEPHONE CALLS.

LEAD: CLEVELAND DIVISION: AT TOLEDO, OHIO:

WILL KEEP WASHINGTON FIELD ADVISED.

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## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 7/29/81

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
 CONGRESSMAN DELBERT LATTA - VICTIM  
 FIFTH OHIO DISTRICT;  
 CONGRESSIONAL ASSASSINATION STATUTE

As requested in the Director's memorandum to [ ] dated 7/27/81 (copy attached), attached Cleveland (CV) teletype with note, previously submitted on 7/27/81, and Washington Field Office's (WFO) teletype dated 7/28/81, sets forth the nature and status of CV's Congressional Assassination Statute investigation and WFO's extortion investigation.

WFO advised that in regard to the anonymous telephonic threat directed against Congressman Latta at Bowling Green, Ohio, on 7/24/81, a consensual monitoring device was placed on his Washington, D. C. (WDC) office telephone on 7/27/81 in the event that further threatening calls are received by him at WDC.

In regard to instant extortion letter, the U. S. Capitol Police (USCP) obtained said letter from Congressman Latta's office on 7/14/81 and notified WFO. On 7/15/81 WFO obtained the letter from the USCP. The letter was postmarked at Minneapolis, Minnesota, signed by the "Poor People's Liberation Army", and was apparently based on budget cut legislation sponsored by him. On 7/28/81 the original letter was forwarded to FBIHQ for examination with copies to Minneapolis for logical investigation.

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1 - [ ]	Director _____		Off. of Cong. & Public Affs. <u>[Signature]</u>	
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JEM:jey [Signature] [Signature]

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At this point in the investigation, it is unknown if the above telephone call and letter are related. Criminal Investigative Division will insure that intensive investigations are conducted by CV and WFO and any pertinent developments will be disseminated to Congressman Latta.

PM

WFO

July 27, 1981

MEMORANDUM TO [REDACTED]

RE: CONGRESSMAN DELBERT LATTA  
FIFTH DISTRICT - BOWLING GREEN, OHIO

Congressman Latta called this morning and advised as follows:

Several days ago he received a letter from Minnesota which said "Death to Delbert Latta" and was signed apparently by the Peoples Liberation Army. This followed publicity about the Graham-Latta Bill which had a number of substantial budget cuts. The letter was referred to Investigator [REDACTED] who in turn referred it to the FBI. A copy was either retained by his office or made by the FBI office and furnished to his office.

On Friday, July 24, 1981, Congressman Latta was at his home in Bowling Green, arriving about 10:00 p.m. He received a call from the Sheriff of Wood County stating that the Sheriff's office had received a call on its hotline, a 243 number, saying "Delbert Latta will die very soon." This information was apparently furnished to our Toledo Office and Agent [REDACTED] and one other Agent undertook an investigation including moving Congressman Latta to a motel for the night. The Congressman is very complimentary of the help he received in Ohio.

Upon returning to Washington, he found that the original letter could not be located at FBI Headquarters. I suggested the possibility that it was at Washington Field Office. While we were talking, his secretary handed him a note stating that the original letter had been found. The contact was [REDACTED] at 252-7828.

I would appreciate your advising me the nature and status of the investigation now underway and any advice or

1 - [REDACTED]

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SENT FROM D. O.	
TIME	5:29p
DATE	7/27/81
BY	[Signature]

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Exec AD Adm. \_\_\_\_\_  
Exec AD LES \_\_\_\_\_  
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Memorandum to   
Re: Congressman Delbert Latta

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circumstances that should be communicated to the Congressman. I should also appreciate knowing how the letter dropped out of sight. I suspect it was simply contacting the wrong office, but I would have assumed that Headquarters had been informed by Washington Field Office of this apparent threat.

William H. Webster  
Director



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

## REPORT

of the

## LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

YOUR FILE NO. 89A-159 (TRA) (P)  
FBI FILE NO.  
LATENT CASE NO. B-98770

September 23, 1981

TO: SAC, Cleveland

RE: UNSUB;  
CONGRESSMAN DELBERT LATTA - VICTIM  
FIFTH OHIO DISTRICT  
CONGRESSIONAL ASSASSINATION STATUTE

REFERENCE: Airtel 7-31-81  
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Cleveland  
SPECIMENS:

This report supplements and confirms the information provided in Bucal to the Minneapolis Division on 9-9-81.

Three latent fingerprints from the sides of the fingers and the latent impressions previously reported in this case were compared, insofar as possible, with the available fingerprints of [redacted] born [redacted] but no identification was effected. The remaining latent fingerprints in this case are not the fingerprints of this individual.

No palm prints are contained in the Identification Division files for [redacted]. Clearly and completely recorded major case prints are needed so that conclusive comparisons can be conducted in this case.

1 - Minneapolis

1 - Congressional Affairs Unit, Room 7176, TL #214

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION WORK SHEET

Recorded: 9/1/81 7:30 a.m., mat

Reference No: 89A-159 (TRA) (P)

Received: 9/1/81

FBI File No: (no # on back) 89-50195

Latent Case No: ~~6-1113~~ B.98770

Answer to: SAC, Cleveland

Examination requested by: Addressee,

Copy to:

RE: UNSUB.;  
CONGRESSMAN DELBERT LATTA - VICTIM  
FIFTH OHIO DISTRICT  
CONGRESSIONAL ASSASSINATION STATUTE

Date of reference communication Airtel 7/31/81

Specimens:

Name submitted for comparison purposes of suspect: *OK*

DOB	[redacted]
SSAN	[redacted]
POB	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]

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Result of examination:

*OK* Examination by: Edelen  
Evidence noted by:

Called CF Crim *file* [redacted] 9/2/81

9.9.81

3 prev rec'd lat fpts from sides of fpts + lat imps comp'd avail fpts  
[redacted] but no *to* imptd.

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Remain lat fpts this case not *to* fpts [redacted]

No pp. avail this invl.

MC fpts needed for some *enaps*. (over)

Examination completed 1200 9.9.81  
Time Date

Dictated 9.17.81  
Date

1CC Minneapolis

1CC office for Congressional affairs

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Reg for Bufile

11<sup>15</sup> am Bufile to SA  <sup>Memorandum Dir.</sup> to advise of results of comps.

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(3 Bufiles made up on this case - all different numbers - do not  
use Bufile # when sending rpt.)

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Date 9/25/81

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: *ju*/SAC, CLEVELAND (89A-159) (TRA) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB;  
CONGRESSMAN DELBERT LATTA -  
VICTIM  
 CONGRESSIONAL ASSASSINATION STATUTE

OO: Cleveland

Re Cleveland teletype to Bureau, 7/27/81.

Pursuant to SAC authority and AUSA, Toledo concurrence, the residence and business telephones of Congressman Delbert Latta were consensually monitored at Bowling Green, Ohio, commencing 7/25/81. The monitoring devices were removed on 8/24/81.

No overhears were recorded in this matter.

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 2 - Cleveland

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☒ UNCLAS 10/14/81

Date \_\_\_\_\_

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 Attention:   
 Personal Crimes Unit,  
 Room 5096

FROM: *gms* SAC, CLEVELAND (89A-159) (TRA) (C)

SUBJECT: ~~UNSUB;~~  
 CONGRESSMAN DELBERT LATTA, -  
 VICTIM  
 FIFTH OHIO DISTRICT  
 CONGRESSIONAL ASSASSINATION STATUTE

OO: Cleveland

Re Bureau airtel to Cleveland, 9/23/81.

On 9/25/81, Cleveland Division, Toledo Resident Agency received the results of the above-referenced Identification Report concerning the fingerprints of  possibly being on a threat letter sent to Congressman Delbert Latta of the Fifth Ohio District. The results of this report were negative concerning the identification of any prints of  on the above-mentioned letter.

Although the Toledo Resident Agency has been in close contact with Congressman Latta concerning this case, he has received no other threats either verbally or written which would cause further investigation.

② - Bureau  
 1 - Minneapolis (9B-2444) (Info)  
 1 - WFO (9B-4649) (Info)  
 1 - Cleveland  
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The consensual monitoring devices which were utilized on the congressman's office telephone in Bowling Green, Ohio, and also his residence telephone in Bowling Green, Ohio, were disconnected after the appropriate time span, however, the utilization of the devices proved negative regarding any positive information being recorded.

Since all leads have been covered satisfactorily, and no additional positive information has been generated regarding this case, it is being placed in a closed status.

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MESSAGE RELAY VIA TELETYPE  
(RESTRICTED USE)

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Date: 9/26/86

PRECEDENCE: ☒ IMMEDIATE ☐ PRIORITY ☐ ROUTINE

FM: DIRECTOR, FBI

TO:

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

☐ White House/WH/☐ Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms/BATF/☐ [REDACTED]☐ [REDACTED]☐ Dept. of Energy HQS/DOEHQ/☐ Dept. of Energy Germantown DIV/DOE/☐ Dept. of Justice/DOJ/☐ Dept. of State/DOS/☐ Dept. of the Army/DA/☐ Dept. of Treasury/DOT/☐ Defense Intelligence Agency/DIA/☐ Director National Security Agency/NSA/☐ Director Naval Investigative Service/DIRNAVINSERV/☐ Drug Enforcement Admin./DEA/☐ FAA Washington HQ/FAA/☐ HQ AFOSI Bolling AFBDC/AFOSI/☐ INSCOM Ft. Meade/INSCOM/☐ Nuclear Regulatory Commission/NRC/☐ U.S. Customs Service/UCS/☐ U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service/INS/☒ U.S. Secret Service/USSS/☒ Other: USDA UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF

AGRICULTURE / OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

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Addressee Internal Distribution

For:

Subject: UNSUBS; FAMILY FARM MOVEMENT; RICHARD LYNG, SECRETARY, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF

AGRICULTURE - VICTIM; DELBERT L. LATTA, U. S. REPRESENTATIVE, OHIO - VICTIM; CCSCAKA;

☐ See Attached

OO: CLEVELAND

Approved By:

Originator:

Tele Ext.

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USE AND PREPARATION OF FORM 0-73

**Restrictions on Use**

1. Only incoming teletype messages within the categories listed in MIOG Section 16-1.7 pages 1251 & 1252 may be prepared using form 0-73. 26 Dec 18 1971
2. Use of Form 0-73 is restricted to incoming teletype messages received at FBIHQ Communications Center within the last 72 hours. OF INVESTIGATION
3. Addressees must be Bureau Offices (LEGAT/Field) or other Government Agencies. Geographical location must be indicated if other Government Agency is located outside the Washington, D.C. area.
4. Editing of message text is restricted to typed or printed changes of a word or two. Changes to the existing text involving more than a word or two will require the originator to initiate a new message using Form 0-93. Administrative data may be added immediately following the text and must be identical for all addressees.
5. Teletype messages received by the Communications Center that do not meet the above criteria shall be returned to the originator for preparation using Form 0-93.

**Preparation of 0-73 Form (Yellow)**

1. **Date & Precedence** - Type or print date and indicate precedence by checking the appropriate box.
2. **Addressee(s)** - Type or print addressee(s) immediately following the "TO:" or place a check mark in the appropriate box. Note: When using block "Other," indicate geographical location if addressee(s) is located outside Washington, D.C. If addressee(s) is a military installation, the name of the base, fort, or station must be listed to ensure delivery.
3. **Classification** - Type or print the classification and if appropriate the caveat and warning notices.
4. **Addressee Internal Distribution** - Complete when the originator wishes the message to be distributed to a known entity within a Headquarters Agency (i.e. Division, Section, Unit, etc.). List the addressee(s) abbreviation and the internal distribution, i.e. a message to Dept. of State, Dept. of Justice, and Defense Intelligence Agency; list on the "For" line(s) as follows:  
Example: For: DOS For SY/TAG; DOJ for Asst. AG Criminal Div.; DIA For DSOP.  
Messages which do not list internal distribution shall be delivered to the agency headquarters where their analyst will effect in-house distribution.
5. **Subject** - Type or print the subject in the space provided or check "see attached" if subject is identical to attached message.
6. **Originator's Boxes** - Type or print the originator's name, telephone extension, room number, and division.
7. **Approved By Box** - Indicate approval for transmission by initialing the approved by box. Note: The person approving the message is solely responsible for assuring all necessary editing changes are accurate and are legible.

**Preparation of Message To Be Transmitted**

1. **Duplicate Copy & Notations** - Xerox 1 copy of the incoming teletype message. A notation shall be made on the original incoming teletype indicating one copy made for relay to SACS \_\_\_\_\_, (or LEGATS) \_\_\_\_\_, (or Government Agencies) \_\_\_\_\_.
2. **Editing of Duplicate Copy (Heading)** - Using a lead pencil ONLY draw single lines through the first and last lines of the message heading; connect these lines from top right to bottom left forming a "Z" figure. (Do Not Obliterate the Heading)
3. **Editing Changes to the Text** - (See Restrictions on Use, item. 4)
4. **Administrative Data** - Type or print administrative data immediately following the text.

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LYNG; AFO-CAFFACS; OO: CLEVELAND *NP*

BY TELETYPE DATED SEPTEMBER 25, 1986; FBI CLEVELAND FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING:  
~~RE TOLEDO TELEPHONE CALLS TO DAYTON PA, SEPTEMBER 25, 1986.~~

~~FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU AND RECEIVING OFFICES,~~

ON SEPTEMBER 25, 1986, [ ] UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH, [ ] ADVISED SA [ ] AND SHERIFF  
DARRELL MERALLET, FULTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, FULTON, OHIO,  
THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM [ ]  
[ ], WHO ADVISED [ ] THAT HE [ ] HAD BEEN  
CONTACTED BY [ ] UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,  
[ ] TELEPHONE [ ] STATED TO  
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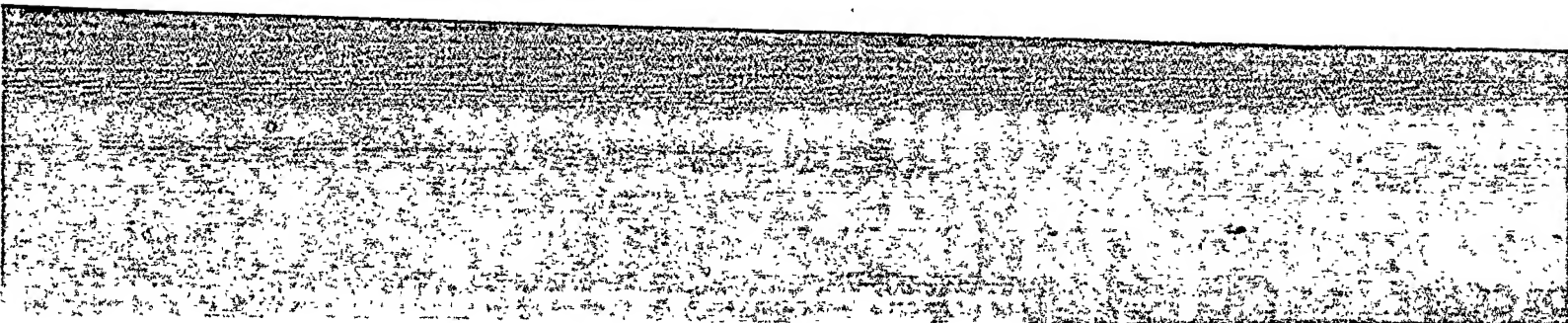
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APPROPRIATE PLANS FOR SECURITY ARE BEING HANDLED BY THE FULTON COUNTY, HENRY COUNTY, DEFIANCE COUNTY, AND WILLIAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENTS.

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE, TOLEDO, OHIO, HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE ABOVE.

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[ ] REGARDING KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT STATEMENTS WERE MADE AT THE MEETING HE ATTENDED IN OR NEAR COLUMBUS, OHIO, ON SEPTEMBER 24, 1986.

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WASHINGTON FIELD [REDACTED]

LATTA AND APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS

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CLEVELAND DIVISION IS FOLLOWING THE MATTER.

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## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 9/26/86

Re: UNSUBS; FAMILY FARM MOVEMENT;  
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CCSCAKA; OO: CLEVELAND

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Lyng and Latta are scheduled to arrive in Toledo, Ohio, at about 4:26 p.m., on 9/26/86.

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1 - Mr. Baker  
1 - Mr. Clarke

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1 - [REDACTED]  
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1 - CID Duty Office

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Our Cincinnati Office is attempting to locate and interview the individual who attended the FFM meeting in order to determine the exact content of the statements made regarding this matter.

Investigation is continuing.

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OF AGRICULTURE, LYNG; AFO-CAFFACS; OO:CLEVELAND

RE TOLEDO TELCAL TO WFO, 9/25/86, AND CLEVELAND TELETYPE  
TO WFO DATED 9/25/86.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF FBIHQ AND RECEIVING OFFICES, ON  
9/25/86, WFO WAS MADE AWARE OF THE IMPENDING THREAT MADE BY  
CAPTIONED GROUP. ON 9/25/86, THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE  
CONTACTED REGARDING THOSE THREATS: [REDACTED] UNITED STATES  
SECRET SERVICE (USSS), WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] SUPERVISORY SPECIAL AGENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF

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SPECIAL OPERATIONS, DETECTIVE [REDACTED] AND LIEUTENANT

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[REDACTED] UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE (USCP).

ADDITIONALLY, THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS FROM CONGRESSMAN  
LATTA'S OFFICE WERE NOTIFIED.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED] U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ADVISED THAT HE WAS AWARE OF THE  
SITUATION PRIOR TO OUR CONTACT AND WAS TAKING THE APPROPRIATE  
STEPS TO ENSURE THE PROPER SECURITY FOR SECRETARY LYNG.

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WFO IS PLACING THIS CASE IN A RUC STATUS DUE TO THE  
FACT THAT ALL LEADS HAVE BEEN HANDLED WITHIN WFO.

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OF AGRICULTURE LANG, AFO - CAFFACS, OO:CLEVELAND

RE CLEVELAND TELETYPE DATED SEPTEMBER 25, 1986,  
AND TELEPHONE CALLS OF SA [REDACTED] DAYTON RA  
TO SA [REDACTED] TOLEDO RA, ON SEPTEMBER 25, 1986  
AND SEPTEMBER 26, 1986.

ON THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 25, 1986, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, WAS  
INTERVIEWED AT HIS HOME IN [REDACTED]  
REGARDING ABOVE MATTER. HE ADVISED HE HAS A PH.D  
IN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND IS [REDACTED] TO

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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH'S ON THE FARM ECONOMICS  
CRISIS. HE SAID AS SUCH HE HAS BEEN A REPRESENTATIVE  
TO THE ~~OHIO ALLIANCE FOR FARM UNITY (OAFU)~~, AN UMBRELLA  
ORGANIZATION, WHICH INCLUDES THE FAMILY FARM MOVEMENT  
(FFM), ~~OHIO FARM BUREAU FEDERATION (FBB)~~, ~~OHIO NATIONAL~~  
~~FARMERS ORGANIZATION (ONFO)~~, ~~OHIO FARMERS UNION (OFU)~~,  
~~OHIO GRANGE (OG)~~, ~~OHIO CATHOLIC CONFERENCE (OCC)~~,  
~~CENTER FOR TOWN AND RURAL MINISTRIES OF UNITED METHODIST~~  
~~CHURCH, OHIO LUTHERAN SYOD, AND OHIO COUNCIL OF~~  
CHURCHES.

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[REDACTED] SAID THAT HE FEELS THE FFM HAS RECENTLY  
TAKEN A MORE RADICAL TRACT WITH MODERATE LEADERS BEING  
DISPLACED BY MORE ACTIVIST BRANDED LEADERSHIP, INCLUDING

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[REDACTED] A FORMER STAFF MEMBER OF THE OFU.

[REDACTED] IS NOW A [REDACTED] OF THE FFM, WHICH  
HAS A CENTER OF ACTIVITY IN MADISON AND PICKAWAY  
COUNTIES, NEAR CIRCLEVILLE, OHIO, SOUTH OF COLUMBUS.

[REDACTED] SAID THAT THERE WAS A SCHEDULED MEETING  
OF THE OAFU AT 7:30 AM, ON SEPTEMBER 24, 1986, AT ST.

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JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH NEAR LONDON, OHIO, AND HE AND

[ ] ATTENDED, ALONG WITH [ ] OF OFU;

[ ] OF NATIONAL FARMERS ORGANIZATION; [ ]

[ ] OHIO SYOD OF LUTHERAN CHURCH, AND [ ] OF

THE OHIO COMMISSION OF MENTAL HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS,

WHICH HAD BEEN PROVIDING COUNSELING FOR DISTRESSED

FARM FAMILIES.. [ ] SAID THAT [ ] CAME IN

"FIRED UP" TO GET THEM TO GO ALONG WITH THE FFM'S

PLANNED ACTIVITIES ON SEPTEMBER 26, 1986, IN PROCTORVILLE,

OHIO, TO DISTRIBUTE 1,200 BAGS OF WHEAT SEED TO

NEEDY FARMERS IN NORTHWEST HIO, INDIANA, AN MICHIGAN,

AND TO TRY TO DISRUPT OR DIVERT THE CARVEN OF

ONGRESSMAN LATTA AND SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE LANG,

DUE TO COME THROUGH ARCHBOLD LATE ON SEPTEMBER 26,

1986, ON THEIR WAY TO A DINNER MEETING NEARBY, WITH

ANOTHER GROU.

[ ] SAID [ ] WENT INTO A RAMBLING,

DISJOINTED SPEECH TO THOSE PRESENT ABOUT THE MMS

WANTING TO PUSH THE AUTHORITIES TO THE LIMIT NOW AND

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AND TO GAIN SOME IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. HE HINTED AT  
POTENTIAL VIOLENCE, BUT WAS NOT VERY SPECIFIC. HE  
MENTIONED HAVING ATTENDED XAVIER UNIVERSITY IN  
CINCINNATI, OHIO AND HAVING BEEN IN THE ARMY ROTC  
PROGRAM AND HAVING HAD MILITARY SCIENCE TRAINING AND  
GUERRILLA WARFARE EXPERTISE OF SOME KIND. ALL OF THIS  
SORT OF STUNNED AND DISMAYED THOSE IN ATTENDANCE AND  
[ ] COULD NOT RECALL EVERYTHING [ ] SAID AS  
IT WAS NOT TOO LOGICAL OR COHERENT, ESPECIALLY AS IT  
RELATED TO WHAT THE OTHERS WERE TRYING TO DO TO HELP  
THE DISTRESSED FARM FAMILIES IN LEGITIMATE WAYS. THIS  
PRESENTATION OF [ ] SOUNDED TOO RADICAL AND  
OFF BEAT TO THEM AND [ ] FELT THAT [ ] WAS  
PRONGED TO NAME DROP AND USE THEIR PERSONAL AND  
ORGANIZATIONAL NAMES TO INFLUENCE OTHER FARMERS AND  
GROUPS TO JOIN IN NEW TACTICS THAT COULD DAMAGE THEIR  
REPUTATIONS.

[ ] SAID THAT [ ] ALSO MENTION HIS  
INTENTION OF GETTING PRIESTS AND MINISTERS TO JOIN

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THEM IN ARCHBOLD, OHIO, IN FUTURE EVENTS AND THUS  
ATTRACT MORE LOCAL FARMERS IN ADDITION TO THOSE FROM  
THE FFM, WHO PLANNED TO BE THERE, ON SEPTEMBER 26, 1986.

WHEN QUESTIONED AS TO MORE SPECIFICS ON THE  
PLANNING FOR THIS EVENT, [ ] SAID THE STRATEGY  
WOULD BE LAID OUT NEAR ARCHBOLD ON FRIDAY, MORNING,  
SEPTEMBER 26, 1986. HE ALSO DIGRESSED AT ONE POINT  
ABOUT THE FOUNDER OF THE CATHOLIC WORKERS MOVEMENT IN  
CHICAGO AND HOW SHE SHOULD BE CANONIZED A SAINT AND  
ALSO ABOUT ENTRAL AMERICAN GUERRILLA MOVEMENTS.

[ ] SAID ANOTHER CURRENT LEADER OF THE  
FFM IN OHIO IS [ ] A BIG BLUFF MAN, WHO IS  
LIKELY TO BE IN ARCHBOLD ON EPTEMBER 26, 198.

[ ] LIKES ME DIA ATTENTION SINCE  
HE LOST HIS FARM TO FORECLOSURE A COUPLE OF YEARS  
AGO NEAR ENON, OHIO, EAST OF DAYTON. HE IS THE TYPE  
WHO APPEARS AT FFM RALLIES WITH A BIG PITCHFORK MAKING  
POLITICAL STATEMENTS. [ ] SAID THAT FFM HAS  
TAKEN TO WEARING A KIND OF UNIFORM LATELY, WITH BLUE

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BASEBALL CAPS AND GOLD BRAID ON THEM AND BLUE SHIRTS  
WITH GOLD NAME TAGS. HE SAID HE ALSO RECALLS THAT

[REDACTED] FOR WILLIE NELSON'S  
FARM AID MOVEMENT IN OHIO. [REDACTED] SAID [REDACTED]  
AND [REDACTED] ARE PROBABLY THE MOST PRONG OF THE LEADERS  
IN THE FM TO DO SOMETHING TO GAIN MEDIA ATTENTION  
BORDERING ON VIOLENCE, BUT NOT NECESSARIL INCLUDING  
DIRECT USE OF FIREARMS AGAINST AUTHORITIES. THIS WAS  
ABOUT ALL THAT [REDACTED] COULD RECALL OF THE MEETING ON  
SEPTEMBER 24, 1986, IN LONDON, OHIO.

[REDACTED] DESCRIBED [REDACTED] AS BEING A WHITE MALE,  
IN HIS LATE 20'S, WITH BLOND HAIR.

CINCINNATI INDICES WERE NEGATIVE ON [REDACTED]  
AND [REDACTED]

REQUEST OF BUREAU: FBIHQ IS REQUESTED TO CONDUCT  
INDICES CHECKS ON THE NAMES OF [REDACTED] AND  
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